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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Organization of work of the session

Note by the secretariat

1. The draft organization of work for the fifth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, annexed to the present note, has been prepared to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time-frame available and in accordance with the conference services allocated to the Commission.

2. The draft is based on the provisional agenda for the current session, which was adopted by the Commission at its fourth session and approved by the Economic and Social Council at its 1999 substantive session in decision 1999/274. The provisional agenda is circulated in document E/CN.16/2001/1.

3. The time-table below should be considered indicative. Should the Commission complete the general discussion on an item before the date shown, it might wish to move immediately to the next item.

4. The Commission is scheduled to meet from Monday, 28 May, to Friday, 1 June 2001. Arrangements have been made to hold morning and afternoon meetings during the session. The morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Annex 1

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The proposed organization of work for the fifth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development is as follows:

Monday, 28 May

a.m.	Item 1	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	Item 2	Substantive theme: National capacity-building in biotechnology
		- Introduction and general discussion
		Panel on capacity-building in biotechnology
		- Introduction and general discussion
p.m.	Item 2	Panel on legal and regulatory issues in biotechnology
		- Introduction and general discussion
		Panel on public awareness and participation in science Policy-making in biotechnology
		- Introduction and general discussion *- Informal consultations*

Tuesday, 29 May

a.m.	Item 2	Substantive theme: National capacity-building in biotechnology
		- Conclusion of general discussion
a.m.	Item 3	Implementation and progress made on decisions taken at the fourth session of the Commission
		- Introduction and general discussion *- Informal consultations*
p.m.	Item 3	Implementation and progress made on decisions taken at the fourth session of the Commission

- Introduction and general discussion
- Informal consultations

Wednesday, 30 May

a.m. Item 4 Country reports on technology and innovation policies

- Introduction and general discussion
- Informal consultations

p.m. Item 5 Budget of the Commission

- Introduction and general discussion
- Informal consultations

Item 6 Activities of the Commission regarding the coordination of science and technology for development and other inter-sessional activities

- Introduction and general discussion
- Informal consultations

Thursday, 31 May

a.m. Item 7 Election of the Chairperson and other officers for the sixth session of the Commission

- Introduction and general discussion
- Informal consultations

p.m. Item 8 Provisional agenda and organization of work of the Sixth session of the Commission

- Introduction and general discussion
- Informal consultations

Friday, 1 June

a.m. Item 9 Informal consultations on all pending matters

p.m. Item 10 Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifth session

- Closing of the session